



## **FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING      TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2006**

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky met in Regular Session on Tuesday, November 14, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Florence Government Center with Mayor Diane E. Whalen presiding in the Chair.

#### **CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, & ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Whalen called the regular meeting to order and declared the Regular Session to be open for the presentation of all City business.

The roll was called and the following members of Council registered present: Mel Carroll, Dale Stephens, David A. Osborne, Vice Mayor Dr. Julie Metzger Aubuchon, Betsy Conrad, and Ted Bushelman.

Also present were Mayor Diane E. Whalen, City Coordinator Patricia J. Wingo, City Attorney Hugh O. Skees, Assistant City Coordinator/Community Development Director Rick Lunnemann, Fire Chief Marc Muench, Human Resources Director Regina Blain, Information Technology Director Colin Campbell, Police Chief Tom Szurlinski, Public Services Director Bob Townsend, City Engineer Bill Viox, Administrative Assistant Donna Smith, Joseph Kohake & family, Wally Whalen, Videographer Jerry Schrepfer, Kentucky Enquirer Reporter Brenna Kelly, Florence Recorder Newspaper Reporter Lindsay Kottmann, and City Clerk Joe Christofield.

#### **MINUTES:**

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of October 10, 2006 Regular Meeting of Council. Councilmember Bushelman so moved, with second from Councilmember Conrad. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

#### **RECOGNITION/PROCLAMATION:**

Mayor Whalen recognized Jeopardy Contestant Joseph Kohake. Additional discussion followed. She read a proclamation declaring Tuesday, November 14, 2006 as 'Joseph Kohake Day' in the City of Florence.

#### **RESOLUTION:**

Mayor Whalen presented the following Resolution for consideration:

**RESOLUTION NO. R-9-06:**      A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A MUNICIPAL ROAD AID DISCRETIONARY BOND FUND AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE INCORPORATED AREA AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, TRANSPORTATION CABINET, DEPARTMENT OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL PROGRAMS AND ACCEPTING ALL STREETS REFERRED TO THEREIN AS BEING STREETS WHICH ARE A PART OF THE INCORPORATED AREA.

Councilmember Stephens moved, with second from Vice Mayor Metzger Aubuchon, that Resolution R-9-06 be approved as reviewed. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Whalen thanked the citizens of Florence for voting during Election Day as well as voting to return her to the Mayor's seat and the six incumbents to City Council.

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Mayor Whalen advised of the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. She said there will be a drop box for unwrapped toys inside the main lobby of the Florence Government Center from October 30 through December 13.

Mayor Whalen advised of Thanksgiving donations through United Ministries. She said anyone who would like to make a donation of non-perishable food items to help needy families enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday can bring their contributions to the drop box located inside the main lobby of the Florence Government Center through Wednesday, November 15.

Mayor Whalen advised Santa Claus arrived at the Florence Mall as of November 11.

Mayor Whalen advised of the City's annual Christmas Tree Lighting event scheduled for Tuesday, December 5, 2006 from 6-8 p.m. at the Florence Government Center.

Mayor Whalen advised of the City's annual Leaf Collection program, which is currently taking place through Thursday, December 14.

Mayor Whalen advised real estate taxes are due by Sunday, December 31, 2006.

**CITY COORDINATOR'S REPORT:**

City Coordinator Pat Wingo advised of Meijer's current community program regarding customers receiving generic antibiotic prescriptions at no cost.

**OTHER:**

Mayor Whalen asked if any Councilmember desired recognition; Councilmember Conrad advised of the Visual Arts, Crafts, & Creative Writing Contest, sponsored by the Florence Woman's Club, with a deadline of Friday, January 5, 2007.

Councilmember Osborne, on behalf of H.B. Deatherage, thanked Parks & Recreation Administrator Vanessa Lenear, Public Services Senior Maintenance Worker Tom Lape, and the Fire/EMS Department for their quick response regarding Mr. Deatherage's sudden illness at the Government Center on November 10.

Councilmember Osborne advised of the City's annual Veterans Day program, which was held on November 11.

Mayor Whalen asked if any department head desired recognition; no one responded.

Mayor Whalen asked if anyone in the audience desired recognition; no one responded.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was no need for City Council to go into Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Whalen called for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Bushelman so moved, with second from Vice Mayor Metzger Aubuchon, and **unanimous approval of Council**, the time being 7:17 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Diane E. Whalen, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Joseph A. Christofield, City Clerk